



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held March 6, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to identify available funding, including the Designation for Children and Family Services fund, to finance the cost of a six month time-study pilot program, in which four Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) Regional offices will blend Public Health Nursing functions to allow the seamless delivery of Public Health Nurses (PHN) consultation services to all Children's Social Workers, regardless of a child's placement status; and report back in 30 days on: a) identified funding sources and funding necessary for the pilot, not to exceed \$100,000; b) information on how other counties fund and manage their PHN services, thus ensuring seamless service delivery regardless of a child's placement status; c) whether all of the PHNs in the pilot should be brought under DCFS management for the duration of the pilot; d) a means of tracking the impact of the pilot on improved outcomes in safety, permanency and reduced reliance on detention; and e) development and implementation of the pilot; also report back every 90 days until the pilot is completed; and include the funding necessary for the pilot in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following revised statement:

"The consistent and timely delivery of expert health care to abused and neglected children supports Countywide improvements in safety, permanency and a reduced reliance on detention. There are currently 115 County Public Health Nurses (PHN) co-located throughout the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) regional offices to provide expert health-related consultation and case support services to Children's Social Workers. Of these PHNs, approximately 40% are employed by DCFS and 60% are employed by the Department of Public Health (DPH).

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“The State’s new Health Care Plan for Children in Foster Care, an augmentation to the existing Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program, specifies PHN activities that are eligible for Federal matching funds through the Medicaid Program. Those activities are limited to PHNs providing consultations to the social workers of only those children who are detained and placed outside of their birth family’s home. Yet to ensure improved outcomes in safety, permanency and a reduced reliance on detention for all of our County’s most vulnerable children, PHNs should serve all children, regardless of their placement status.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Chief Administrative Officer was directed, in conjunction with the Directors of Children and Family Services and Public Health, to report back within 30 days on:

1. Working with the State regarding the current requirements of the program and any changes that would improve the Health Care Plan for Children in Foster Care Program;
2. How best to blend funding streams in order to maximize Federal and State reimbursement and to minimize Net County Cost for Public Health Nurse (PHN) services to all children, whether in their home or outside of their home;
3. How other counties fund and manage their PHN services, thus ensuring seamless service delivery regardless of a child’s placement status;
4. Whether a centralized point of authority, either Departments of Children and Family Services or Public Health, would maximize service efficiency; and
5. A means of tracking the impact of PHN services on improved outcomes in safety, permanency and a reduced reliance on detention.

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